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Week ending October 3, 2010

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 3, 2010**. Another week of dry weather helped farmers harvesting row crops, but stymied fall planting of wheat and forage. The cotton harvest is moving forward rapidly, around a month ahead of last year’s rainy harvest. The first of the winter wheat has begun to emerge. Soil moisture was rated 54 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 8 adequate.

Crop progress for week ending October 3, 2010				
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	100	100	82	94
Cotton, open bolls	99	97	83	94
Cotton, harvested	71	49	1	32
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	98	96	96	97
Peanuts, harvested	40	18	2	22
Rice, harvested	95	85	40	75
Sorghum, mature	100	100	100	99
Sorghum, harvested	100	94	56	87
Soybeans, turning color	99	96	90	97
Soybeans, dropping leaves	95	87	72	89
Soybeans, harvested	77	65	39	67
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	72	62	26	52
Winter Wheat, planted	10	6	0	4
Winter Wheat, emerged	5	2	0	1

Crop condition for week ending October 3, 2010					
Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	3	14	50	28	5
Pasture	28	39	27	5	1
Peanuts	0	0	17	62	21

Comments

“Conditions are very dry, but perfect for harvesting. Rice is all but finished, with late rice showing some heat damage. Cotton still continues to be picked and is still showing good yields. Soybeans yields continue to vary.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Growers are harvesting and doing fall tillage work. If we get another week like this, harvest will be about over.”

— Don Respons, Quitman

“We are very dry at this time and needing a rain.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“We continue to wait for the last few acres of rice and soybeans to mature; otherwise, we have had a beautiful, but very dry fall for timely harvest work.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Harvest is wrapping up fast, but need a shower in order to plant wheat.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Extremely dry conditions have persisted over the last month. Pasture land is not productive and winter annuals for grazing have not been planted due to the insufficient moisture.”

— Scott Cagle, Chickasaw

“Harvest is coming along nicely with the majority of the cotton crop picked and the soybean harvest following closely behind.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Growers enjoyed a week of harvesting and fall tillage work. Some cotton yields are outstanding.”
— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Dry weather continues for us. Ponds are four to five feet low and pastures, hayfields, and turf are brittle.”
— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“The dry weather has been good for those harvesting crops, but not good for those needing to graze pastures and establish cool season grazing crops.”
— Ernest Flint, Attala

“We sure need a rain, but at least we got some cooler weather. This morning it was 42.4 degrees at my house and it felt so good. Row crop harvest continues at a rapid pace with no rain to slow them down.”
— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“It is very dry.”
— Randy Smith, Covington

“The soil is very dry, and some of the pastures have turned brown.”
— Thomas Brewer, Jefferson Davis

“Very dry conditions in Lawrence County.”
— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 3, 2010

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	85	48	67	70	-3	0.00	-0.65	0	1.17
Cleveland	86	49	67	71	-4	0.00	-0.70	0	2.88
Lambert 1W	88	46	67			0.00	-0.67	0	0.78
Tunica 2N				69		0.00	-0.63	0	0.43
Extreme/Average	88	46	67	69	-2	0.00	-0.68	0	1.32
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	85	45	65	68	-3	0.00	-0.73	0	0.55
Hickory Flat	83	40	62	67	-5	0.45	-0.35	1	1.06
Holly Springs	84	42	62	66	-4	0.00	-0.82	0	0.82
Independence	82	41	62	67	-5	0.00	-0.72	0	0.56
Oxford	84	42	63	67	-4	0.00	-0.84	0	0.56
Extreme/Average	85	40	63	68	-5	0.09	-0.69	0	0.71
Northeast									
Booneville	99	46	65	67	-2	0.47	-0.31	1	1.54
Corinth 7SW	81	44	63	69	-6	0.00	-0.84	0	2.21
Pontotoc Exp	83	49	65	69	-4	0.00	-0.88	0	1.68
Tupelo 2	82	49	66			0.00	0.00	0	1.86
Verona	84	46	65	69	-4	0.00	-0.81	0	0.70
Extreme/Average	99	44	65	68	-3	0.09	-0.73	0	1.60
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	84	53	68	71	-3	0.12	-0.59	1	0.31
Moorhead	86	50	69	71	-2	0.01	-0.75	1	0.46
Rolling Fork	86	49	68	71	-3	0.15	-0.62	1	0.81
Stoneville Exp	87	49	68	70	-2	0.00	-0.74	0	2.48
Extreme/Average	87	48	68	71	-3	0.06	-0.71	1	1.25
Central									
Canton 4N	87	47	66	70	-4	0.12	-0.58	1	0.43
Forest 3S	85	42	64	70	-6	0.06	-0.75	1	0.09
Kosciusko	84	50	66	70	-4	0.24	-0.56	1	0.42
Winona 5E	85	48	66	66		0.03	-0.76	1	0.66
Extreme/Average	87	42	65	69	-4	0.11	-0.66	1	0.40
East-Central									
Aberdeen	82	46	64	68	-4	0.06	-0.79	1	0.16
Columbus	84	46	64	70	-6	0.00	-0.73	0	0.28
Macon	91	49	67	69	-2	0.44	-0.26	2	0.88
Philadelphia				70		0.10	-0.60	1	0.43
State University	85	49	66	69	-3	0.32	-0.45	1	2.36
Extreme/Average	91	46	65	69	-4	0.21	-0.57	1	0.93
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	86	48	66	71	-5	0.00	-0.77	0	0.00
Crystal Springs	85	53	68	72	-4	0.00	-0.91	0	0.00
Natchez	83	45	65	72	-7	0.00	-0.84	0	0.82
Port Gibson 1NE	85	46	66	69	-3	0.00	-0.77	0	0.79
Vicksburg	86	45	67			0.00	0.00	0	0.19
Extreme/Average	86	45	67	71	-4	0.00	-0.82	0	0.45
South-Central									
Collins	84	50	66	71	-5	0.00	-0.88	0	0.00
Columbia	86	50	68	72	-4	0.00	-0.84	0	0.09
Monticello	86	50	69	71	-2	0.00	-0.79	0	0.02
Raleigh 6N	83	43	63			0.11		1	0.34
Tylertown 5ESE	84	43	66	73	-7	0.00	-0.87	0	0.06
Extreme/Average	86	43	66	71	-5	0.02	-0.81	0	0.11
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	84	54	70	72	-2	0.08	-0.76	1	0.62
Laurel	85	49	67	71	-4	0.00	-0.84	0	0.00
Newton Exp Stn	86	45	65	69	-4	0.30	-0.47	1	0.34
Waynesboro 2W	86	47	67	70	-3	0.00	-0.85	0	0.01
Extreme/Average	86	45	67	71	-4	0.10	-0.72	1	0.24
State	99	40	66	70	-4	0.08	-0.71	0	0.70

DFN = Departure from normal.